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SUBJECT: CHINA STARS SONG ENSEMBLE

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1. IF WE MAKE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION (REFTEL A) BEFORE RECEIVING GROC RESPONSE, WE THINK GROC WILL HAPPILY CEASE ALL ITS EFFORTS TO DELAY GROUP'S TRAVEL, AND LEAVE PROBLEM IN USG HANDS. IN YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION DCM MADE POINTS A AND B OF REF A CLEARLY AND STRONGLY. ALTHOUGH SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY, HE SPECIFICALLY STATED USG WOULD NOT TOLERATE PRESENCE PRC AND ROC GROUPS IN SAME CITY AT SAME TIME AND WOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY TO PREVENT IT. IF AT THIS TIME WE OFFICIALLY STATE US WILL DENY VISAS IN EVENT GROC DOES NOT TAKE ACTION, WE WILL REMOVE ALL PRESSURE FROM GROC TO TAKE ACTION, IN ANY CASE THERE IS NO DANGER OF UNDERCUTTING ARMSTRONG'S ASSURANCE TO PRCLO.

2. FYI. EMBASSY RECEIVED CALLS FROM ELMER FRIED, LAWYER FOR ORIENTAL MELODIES, AND MR. DEMARCO, COUNSEL FOR CONGRESSMAN MURPHY JUNE 21. BOTH WERE TOLD VISAS STILL BEING PROCESSED. FRIED SAID HE WOULD CONTACT DEPARTMENT MORNING JUNE 21 WASHINGTON TIME AND DEMARCO SAID HE WOULD CONTACT INS JUNE 21. IN THE MEANTIME EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND WHEN QUERIED VISAS BEING

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